

Nicole Retana

To: christine.heinrichs@gmail.com
Cc: Brandi Cummings
Subject: RE: Orellana permit application DRC2015-00097

Mrs. Heinrichs:

We have received your request for hearing on **TIM & TARYN ORELLANA (DRC2015-00097)**. The hearing will be held on **June 17, 2016 at 9:00am**.
The FINAL agenda will be available online at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetings.htm?> , **Tuesday, June 13, 2016**, close of business.

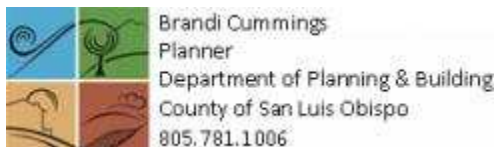
If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Project Manager, Brandi Cummings at (805) 781-1006 or myself at the number below.

Thank you,

Nicole Retana, Secretary
County of San Luis Obispo
Planning and Building Department

From: Brandi Cummings
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Nicole Retana <nretana@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Fw: Orellana permit application DRC2015-00097

Request for hearing PDH 6/17



From: Christine Heinrichs >
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Brandi Cummings
Subject: Re: Orellana permit application DRC2015-00097

Thank you, Brandi. I would like to request a hearing on this matter.

On Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 11:43 AM, Brandi Cummings <bcummings@co.slo.ca.us> wrote:

Thank you Christine.

Your letter did not specifically ask for a hearing on this item. If you would like to request a hearing, you must do so by 4:30pm tomorrow (6/10) and state "I would like to request a hearing on this matter." This project is currently set on the consent portion of the agenda.



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From: Christine Heinrichs <christine.heinrichs@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:32:32 AM

To: Brandi Cummings

Cc: Bruce Gibson

Subject: Orellana permit application DRC2015-00097

To Brandi Cummings:

RE: DRC2015-00097 ORELLANA Coastal E-Referral, MUP, Cambria

This application presents significant problems to Cambria. It requests a MUP to construct a new house on a lot that has not previously been developed.

Cambria remains under a Stage 3 Water Emergency (established in January, 2014) and a Building Moratorium (since 2001), due to lack of water to serve existing customers. Development of a permanent supplemental source of water is the requirement to add new customers by permitting new construction. This permit would be a direct violation of the Building Moratorium. It adds new users while existing users remain under Stage 3 Water Emergency use restrictions.

The Emergency Water Project is specifically designated for use only during Stage 3 Water Emergencies. Any water produced is directed to the use of existing customers.

The CSD states on its web site, under FAQs: "The County will not process a building permit for any project that does not have water."

"Currently, the only option is to transfer water from another parcel that already has a position. The conditions under which a transfer is allowed include: matching ownership on the sender and receiver parcels in the transfer, and retirement of either the sender parcel or an approved alternate parcel. Transfers are limited to parcels with single-family residential water meters that meet certain size and location requirements."

This application attempts to evade legal restrictions through the use of a previously unused water connection. Although the owner has paid for minimum service and remains on the Active Service list, that connection has not used any water. It has never been connected to a residence. Adding it now defies both the law and common sense. Residents of a 3,572 square foot house will inevitably use a significant amount of water.

The CCSD now claims that the Emergency Water Project can be re-branded as 'Sustainable.' This conflicts with the fact that it was built under an Emergency Permit and has not yet even submitted an application for a permanent Coastal Development Permit, as required. The CSD's own documents state specifically that water from it should not be used to serve new customers: "serve only the needs of Cambria's *current* residents and businesses" (emphasis CCSD information sheet, attached).

The Emergency Permit itself specifically authorizes use of the Emergency Water Project only for existing customers, adding the clarification, "i.e., not to serve new development."

On May 16, John Ainsworth, acting executive director of the California Coastal Commission, sent a letter to James Bergman, Director San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building, on behalf of the commission

recommending that the Emergency Permit under which the Emergency Water Supply Project was constructed NOT be renewed, because the project is out of compliance with the permit and other laws and regulations.

The letter concludes: “We believe the focus of all involved parties at this point should be completion of the follow-up permit application and the EIR to allow for the necessary project review.”

The status of the Emergency Water Project remains uncertain. This application is clearly for new development. Therefore, it cannot be approved until Cambria’s water situation is resolved, the Stage 3 Water Emergency no longer applies and the Building Moratorium is lifted.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Heinrichs

Cc: Bruce Gibson, bgibson@co.slo.ca.us

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